



September—October 2011

The Good News

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ

Trunk or Treat



5PM - Chili Dinner

6PM - Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29th

Our Mission Statement:

"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

Our Vision Statement:

"To build an innovative Christ Centered Community focused on relationships, targeting children and youth."

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Sunday Worship & Classes

8:25 a.m.

Myra's Sunday School Class

8:30 a.m.

Seekers Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service,
Adult, Single Adult, Youth Sunday
School Classes and

"HIS KIDS" Children's Program

11:00 a.m.

Celebration Worship Service and
"HIS KIDS ROC" Children's
Program

Nursery & Toddler Care
provided for both services



Theme: Change....Grace

As I write this newsletter article I just received the news that Mary Hoffmeister, a long time member of the church and the grandmother of, our Children's Ministry Director, Dianna Sheely has just passed away. We will now, be planning Mary's celebration of life this week.

The sanctuary is in turmoil due to the renovation. Larry Wells has just arrived on staff and we will be discussing with Kay Booher how we effectively provide pastoral care for both church campuses. Benji and the Chaos team are fervently preparing for our second year of the After School Program and this is just the beginning of a long list of challenges and responsibilities we are faced with these days, as the sanctuary is currently being renovated.

The call to serve Groesbeck UMC is often challenging, frustrating, rewarding and never dull. Indeed you might say that we are often surrounded by Chaos.

I have discovered that the lives of individuals inside and outside the church seem to often have these same chaotic qualities. There are certainly times that are calm and predictable but in a heartbeat they can quickly turn into stressful, often tragic and chaotic circumstances.

Is there anything we can count on? Is there something in our lives that is constant? The first epistle of John chapter 4:7-8 says this, *"Beloved let us love one another for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."* The entire epistle talks about love and the love of God. This my friends we know with absolute certainty. God is love and he loves each one of us and his love abides in you and me as we abide in Christ. Though the world, our church and our lives may be in turmoil, let us be reminded of this one word.

"LOVE!"

Pastor Dave Mack

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DISTRICT EVENTS FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.....


You are invited to join your Pastors at the following events put on by the Ohio River Valley District, West OH Conference and the UMC.

September 16 - 17 Overnight retreat.

October 19 - 21 "Change the World" event at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City.

October 20 District-Wide Charge Conference Celebration 6—8 pm. Guest Pastor, Rudy Rasmus at Ginghamburg.

Please call or email the office if you can attend or for more information, 385.1750 ext 10 or office@groesbeckumc.org.

Budget  Report	YTD THRU JUNE 30, 2011	ACTUAL JULY 2011	YTD THRU JULY 31, 2011
Operating Income	\$ 258,226.26	\$ 46,732.42	\$ 304,958.68
Operating Expenses	\$ 266,413.83	\$ 48,559.47	\$ 314,973.30
Operating Loss/Gain	(\$ 8,187.57)	(\$ 1,827.05)	(\$ 10,014.62)

SON MINISTRY (Serving Our Neighbors)

In September we will be collecting peanut butter, jelly & saltine crackers. In October we will be collecting holiday items: boxed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, sweet potatoes, soup, macaroni & cheese, turkey gravy and brownie mix. Your donations helped serve a total of 916 people in June and July, 476 adults and 440 children. The Yellow Bags continue to be a very special way to help those in need and are warmly welcomed!



BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED!!

FOSTERING HOPE



In **September** we are collecting plastic mixing bowls, plastic dinner plates & glasses, and food storage containers. In **October** we are collecting toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels. Please... due to liability issues – new items only. You may drop your donation in the Fostering Hope box located in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, you may talk to Carol Watson. Thank you for your generosity in continuing to help foster children who are just starting out on their own.

CHANGE FOR MISSIONS

Change for Missions will again support our after school program **CHAOS** during the month of **September**. The mission began in September of 2010 and touched the lives of an increasing number of students in the Groesbeck area with mentoring, recreation and spiritual guidance throughout the school year.



Change for Missions will support **OUR DAILY BREAD** during the month of **October**. The heart of this mission is to respond to the needs of the poor in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine and West End neighborhoods. Our Daily Bread, serves a range of residents: the unemployed and the working poor, the old and the young, the homeless and the mentally ill, anyone who comes to them. This year marks the 26th year of providing stability and HOPE in Cincinnati. As we recognize this important milestone, we are humbled by the reality that the hungers of the people we serve run as deep as ever. We encourage you to help us throughout October by supporting Our Daily Bread by sharing your coins.

NAST TRINITY OUTREACH DINNER

Our Youth Group is hosting our Fall annual trip to **NAST TRINITY UMC** in Downtown Cincinnati on **Sunday September 25th**. We are inviting our congregation to join us this time serving our neighbors. We'll need casseroles and cookies to take as well as the team to serve. Look for sign up sheets in the narthex/lobby in September.

LOVE PACKAGES

This is a hands-on ministry to missionaries around the world that all Christians can be involved in. We are collecting old Christian material. We are collecting books, devotionals - including Guidepost & Upper Room, Bibles, CDS, DVDS & VCR tapes. These items are then sent to missionaries here in the U.S. & around the world. Place your donations in the box in Fellowship Hall. If you would like more info call Debbie Dieterle or get on the website: www.lovepackages.org

KINDNESS IN ACTION—KIA

For **September 10th**, we will be on our normal schedule of 10:00am-12:00 noon for our outreach event followed by lunch.

It is our hope for **October 8th**, that we can host another Free Block Party Cookout, this time at the Northgate Meadows complex located off Springdale Road. Please keep an eye on the Sunday bulletins as we get closer to that date for more details. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry. For questions, call Sharon Powers (923-3320) or Annette Murray (385-0116).

In **July**, the residents of the Woodmere Apartment complex were the excited attendees of the Free Block Party Cookout held in their playground area. With an uplifting musical background by Randy Weber and his band, everyone enjoyed a full lunch served by KIA volunteers along with VBS games and crafts for the children provided by Dianna Sheely and her helpers. Some of the children registered for VBS and were able to attend due to free transportation coordinated by Dave Mack each day. Thank you to all who came forward to reach out to our neighbors and touch their hearts with your gift of time!

In **August**, we visited Woodmere, Burgundy Court and Northgate Meadows with school supply kits for the beginning of the new school year. These are required items that can provide some financial relief to the families of the children that live at each. We hope to also have a chance this year to provide a gift to the incoming Freshman at Colerain High School as they attend their orientation days. Please be in prayer for all the students of the Groesbeck area as they go into a new year of learning and we hope, growing in Christ's love.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Director, Dianna Sheely 385.1750 ext. 21
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir rehearsal for the year begins on Sunday September 11 at 12:15pm. Come and sing Praises to our Lord. Tami Mack will be directing.

CLUB 456

Calling all 4th, 5th and 6th graders... join us on the following evenings for some fun events created just for you!

September 18th - Meet in the 'HisKids' room at 4:56PM....bring your favorite appetizer to share! This will be our annual 'planning meeting' ...so bring your great ideas plus your willingness to work! We will be working on a mystery service project as we plan this years upcoming events!

October 16th - LEADER'S CHOICE Watch for more information to follow on this event!

November 20th - Annual Turkey Dinner

YOUTH MINISTRY



Assistant/Youth Pastor, Benji Sayre
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UPCOMING EVENTS!

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:

SUNDAY EVENINGS 5:33—7:30 PM

September 11 & 18

October 2, 9, 16 & 23

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH :

September 18 & October 16 heading down to State Avenue UMC leaving GUMC @ 10:30 am and returning at 1 pm

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH EVENTS:

September 25 Serving dinner at Nast-Trinity UMC—Leaving GUMC @ 2:30 pm and returning at 6 pm

October 11 Serving dinner to IHN Families at Friendship UMC—leaving GUMC @ 5 pm and return at 8 pm



FAMILIES FOR CHRIST

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! SEPTEMBER 9TH, 7:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FEATURING....

Feel the rhythm, hear the beat,
And let your spirit soar with *Rio*!

Join us for a fun party movie night as we meet *Blu*, a rare domesticated macow who believes he's the last of his kind. But then his owner learns about *Jewel*, his female counterpart in Rio De Janerio...so they set out on the adventure of a lifetime. Through this adventure Rio meets lots of new friends and finds the courage to spread his wings and follow his destiny! So, bring your friends and family and join us!



** Volunteers are needed to help with set-up... Please contact Dianna in the Children's Ministry office to sign up for this event and/or help with this event.



Parents, Grandparents, and anyone who enjoys time with our little ones..... join us at **5:00pm for a Chili Dinner** and then head out to the parking lot at **6:30pm for Trunk or Treating!** Sign-up to participate by parking in the church parking lot and handing out goodies to our kids and those in our community. Watch for sign-up sheets located by the back entrance beginning in **October between services!** You will also find sign-up sheets for Chili, Hot Dogs and other needed donations for the dinner. It's also a lot of fun to have the kids participate in an activity at your trunk as well! So, if you have a fun idea ... let us know! Decorating your trunk and dressing up in a biblical or non-scary costume is encouraged! Prizes will be awarded for the best looking/most original trunk! Adults and kids alike will enjoy this time for fellowship as the children in our community go trick or treating from car trunk to car trunk! Last year we had over 500 kids participate, so please consider helping out with this event. This is a fun, creative way for us to share the love of Christ with the kids in our community. Plan on signing up! If you have questions, **contact Dianna in the Children's Ministry office, 385-1750 X21.** More info to come in the bulletin.

Surf on over to

groesbeckyouth.wordpress.com

for the latest happenings in and around GUMC youth ministry. You can also subscribe to the blog so you will get an e-mail notification each time it is updated.



MUSIC



HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED!!... If you can read music and are interested in trying the handbells, please call Charlene Drago at 923-3391. We have lost a couple ringers and could use a couple more for the bass chimes. We rehearse on Monday evenings and play the prelude the third Sunday of each month. Beware, though. You might be called a ding-a-ling (if you are not already called that). We do have fun and enjoy being together. We will be starting rehearsals on August 29 in the sanctuary. I hope to hear from YOU!

PRIME TIMERS' UPCOMING EVENTS

PRIMETIMERS!!!!.....the Prime Timers Newsletter is available at the Welcome Center in the spin-around rack as well as the literature racks at the front and back doors. They will be updated every other month.

Wed Sept 7—9:00am Planning Meeting—Fellowship Hall, all Prime Timers welcome
Wed Sept 14—12pm Picnic at Bobbie Yerkes
Wed Sept 28—9:00am Breakfast—Bob Evans
Wed Oct 12—10:00am "Church Basement Ladies"
Wed Oct 26—9:00am Breakfast—Bob Evans

STEWARDSHIP FUNDRAISER

DO YOU EAT OUT—SHOP—BUY GAS & GIFTS? SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES THRU "GROESBECK UMC'S GIFT CARD PROGRAM"!!

See the Stewardship Table in Fellowship Hall Savings - 2% to 20%. Vendors: Cracker Barrel, TGI Friday's, Bath & Body Works, Speedway and so many more... full list: www.glscrip.com
Great gifts AND everyday purchases. Give forms to Rick Johnson on Sunday & pick up the following Sunday. Questions, Call Rick Johnson - 851-1695

KROGER RELOADABLE CARDS!

Pick up a Kroger card on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Ask Kroger cashier to load your card BEFORE they begin ringing up your order for any amount you wish. Use your card to pay for your purchases then reload your card each time you shop! Pay with cash, check or credit card. The Church will receive 4% of the value of reloads and purchases. Also use for gas purchases! Just reload at window for gas! Pick one up from Rick on Sundays!!



CHRIST PRINCE OF PEACE EVENT

CHRIST PRINCE OF PEACEwill be hosting the **Life Line Screening event** on **Wednesday, September 21st at 9:00 am**.



There are pink fliers out in the lobby with all the information you need. Pre-registration is required. Their location is, 10507 Colerain Avenue. Vascular screenings, combined with regular physician check-ups, are important parts of an annual health regimen - especially if individuals have been diagnosed with conditions like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, or if a family history of stroke and vascular disease is present. Life Line Screening will be offering screenings for Carotid Artery Blockage, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms, Atrial Fibrillation, and Osteoporosis. Tests are \$60 each or get all 5 for \$149. For more information, call 1-800-324-1851 (priority code HSC3034), visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners, or email Debbie at dnelson@lisa.com.

WOMENS GROUPS



Thursday Evening Building Block Fall Session... begins **September 15, 2011** and ends on **November 10**. We will meet at

Groesbeck United Methodist Church in the parlor. The session begins at **6pm** and will end at **8pm**. We begin our session with a 30 minute walk at Farbach Nature center and begin our bible study at 6:45, the walk is optional. This fall we will learn **What Happens When Women Say Yes to God** by Lysa TerKeurst. This is a DVD and book study that will teach us to; discern the voice of God and truly say yes to His call, see what wholehearted obedience looks like on a daily basis to those who give themselves to God and let Him affect lives around them. This study will reveal how honoring God produces a life of deep joy and great purpose. It is an invitation **to seek God** and **boldly ask** for and **expect more** from the Christian life. The session will be facilitated by Diana Noelcke. If you have any questions or would like to join us for this study please contact Diana at 1moreblessed@gmail.com or by phone 591-3820.

THANK YOU!!



"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him". Col 3:17

Sweet little thanks for a sweet little you!
Dear Groesbeck UMC Pastors and Dancers,
Thank you so much for your participation in the Ministry Celebration for Randy and his family on Monday. The depth of who you are and what you did sent us all forth on a Wonderful note! Thank you for sharing that wonderful ministry with us all.
Jocelyn, Nancy & Cindi, ORV Staff

Dear Friends,
Last week the Celebration of Dreams Event was held. This honored 39 children in the foster care system who graduated from high school. While this may seem to be a normal event for most young adults it is truly an amazing accomplishment for a child in foster care. About 50% of foster children graduate from high school, compared with 70% of their peers. As they leave high school into the adult world they are often left with little or no support. To help provide some support to these children each graduate is given a "bin" full of household gifts to help them move into the adult world. Without your generous donations and precious gift of time and support we could not have provided the students with these gifts. It was satisfying to see smiles on the faces of children who too often have had no reason to smile. Please know you have probably helped to plant the seeds of hope and success that they will carry the rest of their lives. This makes your gift one of great magnitude for which we say "Thank You".

*Sincerely, Mark J Eling VP,
Foster Child, Enrichment Council*

P.S. A special thanks to Carol Watson for arranging this donation for the past several years.

Dear Friends of GUMC,
Thank you for all the cards, visits, prayers and gifts I received while I have been recuperating from my recent fall. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. It is always nice to know that I have such a loving church family to care for me, and especially, to pray for me during difficult times like this.
Your friend in Christ, Mary Lou Gray

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my recent illness. Thank you too, to Pastor Dave, for his hospital visit, phone call and prayers. *Judy Kathman*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, heartfelt letters and meals you have blessed us with during such a hard time in our lives. Many of you didn't know Gary, but he really appreciated how you all took care of us while he was in the hospital. We are so thankful that God has blessed us with each one of you. *Love and God Bless, the Hase Family*

I would like to thank my Groesbeck Church Family for their many prayers and get well wishes. I could really feel your prayers on my day of surgery and after. God Bless you all. *Betty Crozier*

PAPER RECYCLING

Thank you to all who have been bringing their paper to the church for recycling. **REMINDER** - bring your catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, notebooks, and folders. Basically anything that comes in the mail or from an office—**NO cardboard or phonebooks or plastic**. Just bundle up the paper or put in a clear or white trash bag. Thank you, Benji Sayre.



SYMPATHY NOTES



To the family and friends of Jean Vogel who passed away on Tuesday June 21.

To Bonnie Hase and family on the death of husband and father Gary, Saturday July 9.

To Dianna & Steve Sheely and family on the death of her grandmother and GUMC member, Mary Hoffmeister, on Tuesday August 16.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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**PLEASE MAKE THESE
CHANGES TO YOUR**



September Birthdays

Bonnie Rost	9/1	Burnie Wayner	9/12	Harry Alexander	9/23
Danielle Odell	9/1	Jacob Phillips	9/13	David Rickard	9/24
Larry Murray	9/2	Bill Cooper	9/13	Amanda Sheely	9/24
Charles Swigert	9/2	Maya Weber	9/13	Jan Slattery	9/25
Rick Johnson	9/2	Karen Coster	9/14	Sherry Matthews	9/25
Amy Lefferson	9/3	Bev Hammer	9/15	**Nancy Wood	9/27
Lois Alexander	9/3	Dave Dieterle	9/16	Chuck Wood	9/28
Tracy Combs	9/3	Shirley Toedt	9/16	Sabrina Smith	9/28
**Virginia Sweet	9/3	Darlene Szymaniak	9/17	Tom Baldwin	9/28
Janice Tedesco	9/6	Greg Buckley	9/17	Laverne Nolte	9/28
Steffy Johnson	9/6	**Ailene Petrey	9/17	Nicholas Miller	9/28
Deronda Gausmann	9/9	**Faye Buss	9/18	Irma Bishop	9/29
Mark Petersman	9/9	Noah Robinson	9/19	John Nolte	9/29
Al Davis	9/9	Janet Reed	9/20	Georgia Lanham	9/29
**Quentin Nesbitt	9/9	Dianna Sheely	9/20	Tyler Coleman	9/29
**Fay Roberts	9/10	Connor Gaviglia	9/20	**Caroline Hansert	9/29
**Mae Cone	9/10	Ricky Miller	9/20	Tim Crum	9/29
Tiffany (Rickard) Elston	9/11	Claude McPherson	9/20	Carolyn Innis	9/29
Steve Ehrnschwender	9/11	Ann Weber	9/21	Sarah Robers	9/30
Louis Schoepf	9/12	Cory Ehrnschwender	9/21	Bob Beyer	9/30

October Birthdays

Crystal Atkinson	10/2	Jennifer Klaine	10/10	John Campbell	10/23
Paula Thompson	10/2	**Ray Cone	10/11	Michelle Platt	10/23
Joyce Anderson	10/3	Ginny Clark	10/12	Bert Hyde	10/24
Les Eslick	10/3	Jeanette Davis	10/13	Wanda Wiseman	10/24
**Alleen Bramble	10/3	Jackie Sidow	10/14	Janice Chalk	10/24
Cathy Willig	10/6	Marcus Price	10/15	Jim Shepherd	10/26
Ryan Dieterle	10/6	Don Kramer	10/15	Zack Cochran	10/26
Brad Otten	10/6	Judy Marks	10/17	Debbie Schultz	10/27
Celine Ehrnschwender	10/8	Jon Banning	10/17	Jackie Hullfish	10/28
Barb McCarthy	10/9	Bob Bean	10/18	Jack Chalk	10/29
Betty Schnitzer	10/9	Kathleen Tracy	10/18	Ryan Price	10/29
Molly Sayre	10/9	Brittany Parker	10/20	Brianna Bloomfield	10/30
Beata Chizinga	10/9	Lynn Spitznagel	10/21	Eric Willemstein	10/31
Erin Willemstein	10/9	**Jeffrey Marks	10/22	Paige Nugent	10/31
				Marian Cabo	10/31

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GOODNEWS NEWSLETTER REMINDER

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